REMARKS

Claims 1-21 are pending in the present application. Claim 22 was canceled. Claims 1, 8 and 15 were amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

I. Allowed Claims and Claim Objections

In the Office Action, the Examiner allowed Claim 22. Applicants, through their attorney, express appreciation to the Examiner for this action. In view of the Allowance, Applicants have amended independent Claim 1 to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 22, which has now been canceled. Amended Claim 1 is now identical to allowed Claim 22. Accordingly, Claim 1, as well as Claims 2-7 depending therefrom, are now considered to patentably distinguish over the art and to be in condition for allowance.

In like manner, independent Claims 8 and 15 have respectively been amended to incorporate the allowable subject matter of Claim 22. Accordingly, each of these claims, as well as Claims 9-14 respectively depending from Claim 8, and Claims 16-21 respectively depending from Claim 15, are also now considered to patentably distinguish over the art and to be in condition for allowance.

II. 35 U.S.C. § 103, Obviousness

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 103 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,714,971 to Motoyama et al., in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,240,460 to Mitsutake et al. Applicants respectfully consider this rejection to be overcome by the amendments to the claims made herein.
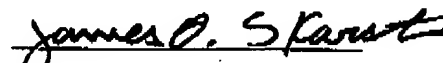
III. **Conclusion**

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the Motoyama et al. and Mitsutake et al. references, and is now in condition for allowance.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

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